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This application claims priority to copending application 60/134,782, filed May 19, 1999, incorporated herein by reference. This application is a continuation in part of application 09/186,962, filed November 5, 1998, which is a continuation of application 08/649,419, filed May 16, 1996 (now patent 5,862,260), which is a continuation-in-part of the following applications: PCT/US96/06618, filed May 7, 1996; application 08/637,531, filed April 25, 1996 (now Patent 5,822,436); application 08/534,005, filed September 25, 1995 (now patent 5,832,119); application 08/508,083, filed July 27, 1995 (now patent 5,841,978); application 08/436,102, filed May 8, 1995 (now patent 5,748,783); and application 08/327,426, filed October 21, 1994 (now patent 5,768,426).

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The subject matter of the present application is related to that disclosed in applications 09/234,780, filed January 20, 1999; 09/314,648, filed May 19, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,681,028); 09/337,590, filed June 21, 1999; 09/433,104, filed November 3, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,636,615); 09/441,819, filed November 17, 1999; 09/441,821, filed November 17, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,363,159); 09/442,441, filed November 17, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,587,821); 09/464,307, filed December 15, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,286,036); 09/473,075, filed December 28, 1999 (now Patent No. 6,560,349); 09/476,686, filed December 30, 1999; 09/482,752, filed January 13, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,330,335); 09/484,742, filed January 18, 2000; 09/498,223, filed February 3, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,574,350); 60/180,364, filed February 4, 2000; 09/520,406, filed March 8, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,266,430); 09/563,664, filed May 2, 2000 (now Patent No. 6,505,160); and 09/562,517, filed May 1, 2000.

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Watermarking (or "digital watermarking") is a quickly growing field of endeavor, with several different approaches. The present assignee's work is reflected in U.S. Patents 5,862,260, [~~in copending applications 09/503,881 and 09/452,023~~] 6,614,914 and 6,408,082; and in published specifications WO 9953428 and WO0007356

(corresponding to US Patents 6,449,377 and 6,345,104 [~~09/074,034 and 09/127,502~~]). A great many other approaches are familiar to those skilled in the art. The artisan is presumed to be familiar with the full range of watermarking literature.